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I am not satisfied that the penalties the government proposes will in any way reduce the power of Microsoft over the computing world in its present monopolistic form. I find it unfortunate that the lawyers who are supposed to be working to protect me, the consumer, are more concerned about the well-being of Microsoft than they are in making sure the true competitive basis of the economy is allowed to function unfettered by the deliberate manipulations of Microsoft. One of the most obvious excesses in which Microsoft is known to have engaged was the threat to pull Compaq's license to install Windows as its operating system if Compaq proceeded with plans to bundle Netscape with its software bundle. Compaq receded its decision and Microsoft won again and the consumers lost again. That Microsoft proceeded to market XP speeding up everything in order to beat possible court injunctions only magnifies their plans to control the entire Internet and by control I mean make as much money as possible off of every conceivable internet transaction. If I don't want XP on my computer because the government has moved so slowly and now is backing off of truly punishing Microsoft for their flagrant and multitudinous violations of the free market economy and antitrust laws, I have really no other choices available to me to continue advancing with the technological features that are now coming on the market place. The article I read that mentioned this email address gave no direct answers as to what the government lawyers are proposing to use to dismantle Microsoft's strangle hold on the progress of the computing world and the internet. The article only said that the lawyers were assuring the judge that.... so what's the big secret? What are you going to do make Microsoft stop this massive abuse of power?? I would like an answer and at least be emailed an address or website where I can find the exact proposals the government lawyers are suggesting. We have a right to know as consumers what you are doing to protect our future in the computing world.

Sincerely,  
Dan E. Craig